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June 2020 Newsletter

***Events, activities, news
and reports for members***



**Ducks at Coulon
Photograph by Keith Mousdale**

Dear Members

Well, we have finally started to emerge from the depths of the lockdown and the tribulations that we have all had to meet. Deux-Sevres has had far fewer cases than our big city brethren which shows what a wonderful choice we made in settling in our corner of France.

Welcome to the bright side and as the various obstacles to our lives are removed the committee will be re-opening the various activities we all enjoy as soon as appropriate..

So on a positive note may we all catch a dose of Sophrologie.*

*Thank you Tony Hawks – A Piano in the Pyrenees

Martin Hughes

REPORTS ON RECENT EVENTS

Second Reading Circle April / May

On Zoom

Report by Various



The Second Reading Circle are continuing their venture in the virtual meeting room known as Zoom and we will get an insight into book review for the last two months – April's just missed the Newsletter deadline.

Review for April by Karen Watson - *Silver Pigs* by Lynsey Davis

The Silver Pigs is the first book in this series and introduces you to Marcus Didius Falco...a 'detective' although 'loveable rogue' might be more apt. Set in Imperial Rome in 70AD, the Emperor Vespasian has been newly appointed, following a couple of very turbulent years in Rome, and threats to its stability are on going. Amongst the bustle and corruption of Rome, Falco saved the life of a young niece of a wealthy Senator in a kidnap, attempt. Although his intentions at the beginning were questionable, he did the honourable thing and returned her to her family. Sadly this act was in vain, and she was later found murdered. The family then employed Falco's services to try and find the murderer, that took his adventures and 'investigations' as far as Britain, where he was able to prove that he was really quite good at his job...and also into the arms of the Senator's newly divorced daughter, Helena Justina.....

The Silver Pigs is a very light hearted read. Detective stories takes me, personally, out of my comfort zone, and I was reluctant to read it, however you will be enchanted by Falco, his humour, his self awareness, his loyalties, his cheek and 'disasters' are delightful. Rome and Britain in 70AD comes to life as you are transported very cleverly into their past. The Silver Pigs is part of a 22 book series, each one problem solving in a historical background....and an on going, but frowned upon, love story.....I am now on book 5...

Review for May by Martin Hughes - *The Call of the Weird* by Louis Theroux

As I proposed this book I was damned to the first circle of hell to review it!

The book was a follow up to his TV series about some of the more sane people he met in the USA that aired from the times before flat screens. I had enjoyed his style and humour and thought this would be a good read.

Unfortunately his TV delivery does not transfer well to the printed page and we were presented with a book gritty in part but also told us more about Louis than giving us no/little/more information about his interviewees.

Personally it made me smile in a few places but overall the book wasn't finished by the majority of our readers and received the imperial thumb down.

**Photographic
Group**

Tuesday 14th April

On Zoom

**Report by Lyn
Chamberlin**



The Photo Group met for a second time in April and twice again in May.

The April meeting focused on composition, exploring some of the different aspects of how a picture can be constructed and the impact of various aspects.

The Shot of the Fortnight was a Dandelion taken by Steve Marshall.

In the first May meeting Roger took us through Aperture - the size of the hole that lets the light into the camera. He covered the effect different apertures have on a photograph and how it can be used to create different types of photograph.

Shot of the Fortnight was a Flock of Sheep taken by Vinny Galloway.



We met again on Tuesday 26 May 2020, when Howard Needs took the meeting, relating to sharpness in photography.



The photo of the fortnight was by Jackie Lockett

The next Zoom meeting will be on Tuesday 9th June, commencing at 13.45 and finishing promptly at 16.00 !!

If you wish to join in, please contact Steve or Roger. You can also submit two photographs on the subject of sharpness – subject clear, background out of focus?

Steve will be talking about Shutter Priority and Roger will be introducing pictures by a favourite photographer.

MATTERS TO PONDER

Picture Quiz

Well, well – the pictures proved a bit of a challenge but I am pleased to say that the winners, by a whisker, were Michele and Eric Hansford and they will be receiving their prize when the easing of the confinement is more noticeable – or before the Chairman has found his bottle opener and drunk the lot!

We have attached the answers to each of the sections so you can check from your armchair – or sun lounger how well you did on this occasion.

This month, we are including in the newsletter a Cryptic Letter Quiz – but on this occasion it is just for fun – (a deep sigh from the Chairman – he can hold on to his supply of wine!) – no prizes will be given for submission of the answers, but they will be published in the July edition of the newsletter. Good luck!

Get Together Picture Quiz Answers

Section 1: Buildings

1. Sydney opera house
2. Taj Mahal
3. Chateau de Chenonceau
4. The White House
5. St Peters (Rome)
6. Warwick Castle
7. St Basil's Cathedral (Red Square Moscow)
8. Guggenheim museum (Bilbao)

Section 2: Actors

9. James Stewart
1. Audrey Hepburn
2. Warren Mitchell
3. Harrison Ford
4. Anjelica Huston
5. Sandra Bullock
6. Morgan Freeman
7. Jane Russell

Section 3: Sports People

8. George Foreman
9. Beth Tweddle
10. Billie Jean King
11. Steve Ballesteros
12. Paula Radcliffe
13. Nadia Comaneci
14. Amir Khan
15. David Wilkie

Section 4: Cities

16. New York
17. Reykjavik
18. Cape Town
19. Florence
20. Seattle
21. Hongkong
22. Rio de Janeiro
23. Tokyo

Section 5: Singers

1. Johnny Cash
2. Jim Reeves
3. Diana Ross
4. Petula Clark
5. Rag 'n' Bone Man/Rory Graham
6. Rita Ora
7. Bob Marley
8. James Taylor

Section 6: Miscellaneous

9. Isaac Newton
10. Cowslip/primula veris
11. Lee Mack
12. Stephen King
13. Triceratops
14. Dunnock
15. Sophie, Countess of Wessex
16. Springbok
17. Forth Bridge
18. Lamborghini

New Cryptic Letter Quiz for June

No.	Cryptic	Answer
0	24 H in a D	24 hours in a day
1	26 L of the A	
2	7 D of the W	
3	7 W of the W	
4	12 S of the Z	
5	66 B of the B	
6	52C in a P (WJ's)	
7	13 S in the USF	
8	18 H on a G C	
9	39 B of the OT	
10	5 T on a F	
11	90 D in a R A	
12	3 BM (S H T R)	
13	15 P in a R T	
14	3 W on a T	

15	11 P in a F T	
16	12 M in a Y	
17	13 - U F S	
18	8 T on an O	
19	29 D in F in a L Y	
20	27 B in the N T	
21	365 D in a Y	
22	13 L in a B D	
23	52 W in a Y	
24	9 L of a C	
25	60 M in an H	
26	64 S on a C B	
27	6 B to an O in C	
28	1000 Y in a M	
29	9 P in S A	
30	100 C in a M	

Non – GT News

Cancer Support Deux Sevres

aims to improve the lives of people affected by Cancer in Deux Sevres
 CSDS direct number is 06 40 77 27 35
 or contact Cancer Support France on freephone number 0800 240 200
 or email Cancer Support France on helpline@cancersupportfrance.org
 Cancer Support France will forward your details if you need local support

Emergency Phone Numbers

- 15** SAMU (Medical)
- 17** Gendarmes
- 18** Pompiers (Fire Service – also trained for Medical Emergencies)
- 112** European Emergency Number

Don't Forget to Download the 'In Case of Emergency' Leaflet off the Get Together website, gettogether-france.org, move your mouse to 'information', then click on 'Useful Links'.

You will find the ICE leaflet at the top of the list. Why not keep a copy by your phone and in your car.

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